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Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA to Close Lake Charles and Metairie Disaster Loan Outreach Centers

SACRAMENTO – Michael W. Ricks, the U. S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Louisiana District Director, announced today that SBA’s Disaster Loan Outreach Centers in **Lake Charles** and **Metairie** will close on the dates and times indicated below. Until then, SBA is continuing to provide one-on-one, personal service to disaster victims of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

“SBA customer service representatives will continue to be available at the Centers to answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process, help individuals complete their applications and close their approved disaster loans until then,” Ricks said. Residents and business owners who suffered damages as a result of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike can speak with SBA representatives on the days and times indicated below until the office closes. No appointment is necessary.

LAKE CHARLES

SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center

Leadership Center

1701 Ryan Street

Lake Charles, LA

Monday – Friday

9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Closes Thursday, January 29 at 6:00 pm

METAIRIE

SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center

LSBDC Greater New Orleans Region

UNO Jefferson Center

3330 N Causeway, Suite 422

Metairie, LA

Monday – Friday

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Closes Friday, January 30 at 5:00 pm

“Although the deadline to apply for property damage from Hurricane Gustav was December 3, small businesses and most, private non-profit organizations affected by Hurricane Gustav have until June 2, 2009 to apply for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL). These loans are designed to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. For victims of Hurricane Ike, the filing deadline to return applications for property damage was January 12, 2009, and the EIDL deadline is June 15, 2009,” said Ricks.

“Since the President declared the hurricanes disasters, SBA has approved \$134.9 million in loans to 4,194 Louisiana homeowners and renters and \$33.5 million in loans to 595 Louisiana businesses and private, non-profit organizations hurt by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike,” continued Ricks.

Individuals and business owners unable to visit a Disaster Loan Outreach Center or Disaster Recovery Center may contact SBA’s Customer Service Center by calling toll-free **(800) 659-2955** or by emailing SBA at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Hearing impaired individuals may call toll-free (800) 877-8339 or visit SBA’s Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance. Additionally, disaster victims may now go online to file an SBA application for disaster loan assistance. The Electronic Loan Application (ELA) is accessible via SBA’s secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

For more information visit SBA’s Web site at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

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